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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 8, 2005, for which the one-month date for response is March 8, 2005.

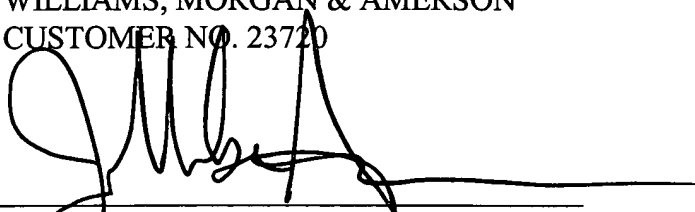
In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-22 and 24-27, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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